(*c*) if so, in how many cases;

(*d*) whether the Commissioner for Religious and Charitable Endowments has rejected any proposals and, if so, in how many cases and for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) 25 tanks, according to the particulars available with Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) 5.

" (*d*) No."

Urdu Translator to Government.

* 1406 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to abolish the office of the Urdu Translator to Government;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation requesting to give up the proposed step; and

(*c*) if so, what decision the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have decided to abolish the posts of Persian and Hindustani Translator to Government and Junior Assistant (Hindustani) and, in arriving at this decision, they have taken into consideration the representations made in the matter."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know by whom these representations were made and what was the particular request contained in those representations? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The representations came from the Young Men's Crescent Society, Triplicane, and the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India, Madras, requesting the Government not to abolish the Urdu Translator's office. But taking into account that we have to publish literature only in Hindi and not in Hindustani, the Government thought that it would not worthwhile retaining those posts."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" In view of the fact that there are a large number of Urdu-knowing people in the State, who require the translation of bills, etc., in Urdu, will the Government consider the desirability and necessity of continuing the office of the Urdu Translator? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do agree that a few people know Urdu but not a large number of people as stated by the hon. Member. For the sake of those few people, I do not think that it is necessary to retain the post of the Urdu Translator. We have taken into account all the factors and we have come to the decision that it should be abolished."

Lignite Mines, Neyveli.

* 1407 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a memorandum was submitted by the Lignite Mines Labour Union, Neyveli, to the Hon. the Minister for Labour on 10th August 1954 at the Guest House of Neyveli with regard to the reinstatement of victimized workers in Neyveli; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on the memorandum?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) A statement[a] showing the action taken is placed on the table of the House."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அவர்களை மறுபடியும் எடுத்துக் கொள்வதற்கு ஏதாவது சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" எவர்களை என்று தெரியவில்லை."

Wells for Harijans in Tanjore.

* 1408 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells dug for Harijans in 1953–54 in Tanjore district;

(*b*) the number of wells repaired for Harijans in 1953–54, and

(*c*) the amount spent on these items?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Ten, Sir.

" (*b*) Twenty-three.

" (*c*) Rs. 12,241 on sinking of new wells and Rs. 8,065 on repairs to old wells."

SRI A. K SUBBIAH :—" தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் பல கிராமங்களில் கிணறுகள் மிராசுதார்களுக்குச் சொந்தமாக இருப்பதால் தண்ணீர் எடுப்பதற்கு ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு மிகவும் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே ஒவ்வொரு கிராமத்திற்கும் ஒவ்வொரு கிணறைத் தோண்டிக் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் இந்த வருஷத்திலாவது ஒரு உத்தரவாதம் கொடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A big programme of rural water-supply schemes including schemes for sinking of wells is being gone through and it is expected to sink 1,000 wells

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 985 infra.